



Cambridge Sept 28

1850.



Sir,

I think you must
be mistaken in saying
that I "showed you a
series of papers" in
reference to "The Hanted
Palace" and "The Be-
leaguered City"; for
I do not remember
that I ever had any

in the "Southern Literary Mes-
senger", November 1839.

I sent it to Mr. White,
the Editor of that work,
who had solicited a
contribution from me.

I do not believe

Mr. Poe ever saw it

till it was published;

for he was not then,

I think, connected with

the Messenger, and

could ^{not} ~~possibly~~ have

had the manuscript in
his hands, for Mr. White
did not, probably, receive
it before the first of
October; and it is the
first article printed in
the November No. of
the Messenger.



"The Beleaguement
of Bitter" is founded on an
old tradition, which
you will find mentioned
somewhere in the Notes
of Scott's "Minstrelsy

out of it. I dislike
all controversy, and
violent discussion; and
never have taken part
in any, and never
intend to do so.

I remain

Yours Obedt. Servt.

Henry W. Longfellow.